

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Country Music Star Steve Azar has written and recorded "American Farmer." The song's lyrics celebrate agriculturists, describing the hard work and the gamble it takes to have a career in food production; and,

Whereas, Steve has partnered with Swenson Investments and Commodities in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to help promote the future of farming and ranching; and,

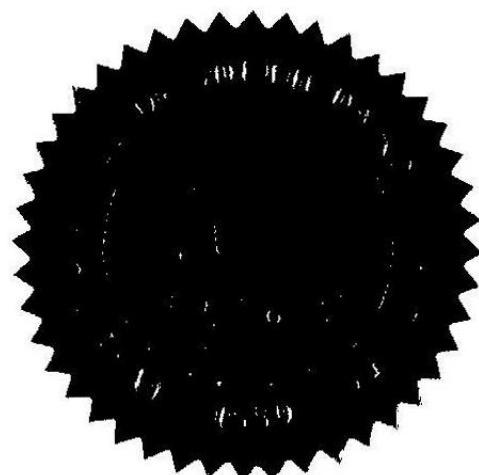
Whereas, Steve and Swenson Investments and Commodities are donating all the proceeds to the South Dakota Future Farmers of America Foundation; and,

Whereas, Steve will perform "American Farmer" and other songs during his appearance at the Sioux Empire Fair on Ag Appreciation Day, August 8, 2012:

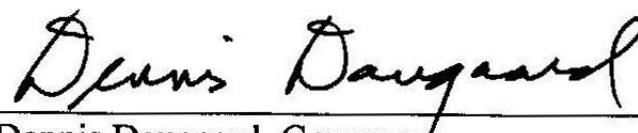
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 8, 2012, as

STEVE AZAR DAY

in South Dakota.



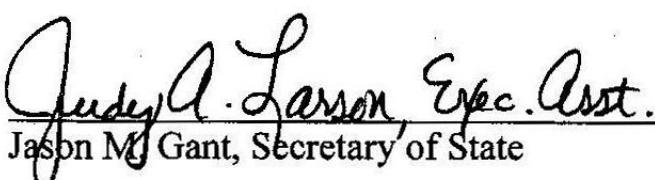
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.



Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State